



# ORDINANCE

## UPDATING FIRE PREVENTION FEES

### *CITY OF NASHUA*

*In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two*

***The City of Nashua ordains*** that Part II “General Legislation”, Chapter 156 “Fire Prevention”, Article VI “Fire-Suppression Systems”, Section 156-20 “Permits and fee schedules”, of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding the new underlined language as follows:

**“§ 156-20. Permits and fee schedules.**

- A. A permit shall not be valid until the prescribed fees have been paid and the permit issued. No permit to begin work for new construction, alteration, removal, demolition or other building or fire operation shall be issued until the fees prescribed in this section have been paid to the Office of the Fire Marshal, nor shall an amendment to a permit necessitating an additional fee because of an increase in the estimated cost or scope of work involved be approved until the additional fee has been paid.
- B. The Board of Aldermen may, at its option, waive or reimburse, as the case may be, payment of fees payable under this section, in whole or in part, to the extent of the value of municipal public improvements and/or land dedication, which an applicant obligates itself to make, over and above impact fees and the applicant's fair share of off-site improvements imposed as a condition of site plan or subdivision approval.

(1) Permits/fees:

- (a) Life safety/site plan review fee, per building (includes one rough and one final inspection):

[1] Site plan review, no new structures: \$75.

~~{1}~~[2] Up to 5,000 square feet area: ~~\$75~~100.

~~{2}~~[3] Five thousand one square feet to 15,000 square feet:  
~~\$200~~250.

~~{3}~~[4] Fifteen thousand one square feet to 25,000 square feet:  
~~\$325~~375.

~~{4}~~[5] ~~Over 25,000 square feet: \$600.~~ Twenty five thousand one square feet to 50,000 square feet: \$650.

[6] Over 50,000 square feet: \$850.

(b) Fire suppression systems permit, NEW SYSTEMS (includes one rough and one final inspection):

[1] Application fee: \$20.

[2] NFPA 13D system (per riser): ~~\$55~~75.

~~{3}~~ — NFPA 13R system (per riser): ~~\$110~~.

~~{4}~~ — NFPA 13 systems (per riser):

[3] NFPA 13 and 13R systems (per riser):

[a] Up to 10,000 square feet of protected area:  
~~\$220~~275.

[b] Ten thousand one square feet to 25,000 square feet:  
~~\$450~~500.

[c] Twenty-five thousand one square feet to 52,000 square feet: ~~\$600~~675.

[d] Over 52,000 square feet: \$850.

~~{5}~~[4] Partial sprinkler system (not complete building protection):

[a] Up to 6 sprinkler heads: ~~\$30~~50.

[b] Seven to 20 sprinkler heads: ~~\$140~~130.

~~{6}~~[5] Standpipe systems (not part of combined sprinkler/standpipe systems):

- [a] Up to 3 floors (per riser): ~~\$110~~150.
- [b] Add per floor beyond 3 add: ~~\$55~~75.
- ~~{7}~~[6] Carbon dioxide systems (per system): \$220.
  - ~~{a}~~—Preengineered systems, each: ~~\$150~~.
  - ~~{b}~~—Engineered systems, each: ~~\$220~~.
- ~~{8}~~[7] Clean agent extinguishing systems (per system): \$220.
  - ~~{a}~~—Preengineered, each: ~~\$150~~.
  - ~~{b}~~—Engineered, each: ~~\$220~~.
- ~~{9}~~[8] Dry chemical systems (per system): \$130.
  - ~~{a}~~—Preengineered systems:
    - ~~{i}~~—Commercial cooking: ~~\$75~~
  - [a] ~~{ii}~~—Service station pump protection: ~~\$100~~150.
  - ~~{b}~~—Other systems: ~~\$110~~.
    - ~~{i}~~—Engineered, each: ~~\$220~~.
- ~~{10}~~[9] Wet chemical systems or commercial kitchen suppression systems, each: ~~\$110~~150.
- ~~{11}~~[10] Fire pump installation: ~~\$275~~350.
- (c) Modification to existing suppression systems (each system):
  - [1] Application fee: \$20.
  - [2] Water and/or foam systems (all types):
    - [a] One to six heads (addition or relocation of heads): ~~\$30~~45.
    - [b] Seven to 20 heads (addition or relocation of heads): ~~\$110~~150.

- [c] Twenty-one to 100 heads (addition or relocation of heads): ~~\$220~~250.
- [d] Add for each head beyond 100: \$1.
- ~~{e}~~ ~~Change in head location only/per floor maximum 10 heads: \$30.~~
- ~~{f}~~[e] Annual corp. in-house modification permit (per building): \$300.
- [3] Standpipe systems up to three floors: ~~\$75~~130.
  - [a] Add for each floor beyond 3: ~~\$25~~50.
- [4] Carbon dioxide systems: ~~\$75~~100.
- [5] Clean agent extinguishing systems: ~~\$75~~100.
- [6] Dry chemical systems: ~~\$75~~100.
- [7] Wet chemical systems: ~~\$75~~100.
- [8] Other systems: ~~\$75~~100.
- (d) Fire alarms systems permits:
  - [1] Application fee: \$20.
  - [2] Master box installation: ~~\$140~~130.
  - [3] Automatic fire-detection systems (per FACP):
    - [a] Up to 25 devices: ~~\$140~~130.
    - [b] 26-49 devices: \$200.
    - ~~{b}~~[c] Fifty to 99 devices: ~~\$220~~250.
    - ~~{e}~~[d] Add for each device beyond 99: \$1.
  - [4] Modification to automatic fire-detection systems:
    - [a] FACP change out/upgrade (plus 20% of devices): ~~\$30~~50.

- [b] Add/Relocate one to 10 devices: ~~\$55~~75.
- [c] Add/Relocate 11 to 50 devices: ~~\$110~~130.
- [d] Add for each device beyond 50: \$1.
- [e] Annual corp. in-house modification permit (per building): \$300.

(2) Permit fees:

- (a) Place of assembly ~~permits inspection fee, per permitted area (valid for 1 year: \$50.~~
  - ~~[1] Greater than 99 people (valid for three years): \$50.~~
  - ~~[2] One hundred people or more (valid for one year): \$50.~~
- (b) Fireworks display (per display): ~~\$100~~125.
- (c) Explosive/blasting (per site):
  - [1] Up to seven days: ~~\$100~~200.
  - [2] Add for each additional day beyond seven: ~~\$10~~20.
- (d) Underground storage tank (per tank):
  - [1] Removal only (~~except LP gas cylinders~~): ~~\$60~~75.
  - [2] Installation only: ~~\$75~~100.
  - [3] Removal and reinstallation (~~except LP gas cylinders~~): ~~\$125~~150.
- (e) Aboveground storage tank (greater than 499 gallon capacity):
  - [1] Removal only (~~except LP gas cylinders~~): ~~\$60~~75.
  - [2] Installation only: ~~\$75~~100.
  - [3] Removal and reinstallation (~~except LP gas cylinders~~): ~~\$125~~150.

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- (3) Inspection fees (every two years unless noted):
- (a) Family day-care homes (up to six children): ~~\$30~~50.
  - (b) Group day-care homes (seven to 12 children): ~~\$50~~75.
  - (c) Day-care centers and/or nurseries (more than 12 children or more than four children under the age of two years old): ~~\$100~~150.
  - (d) Foster care (up to three children/adults): ~~\$30~~50.
  - (e) Residential board and care:
    - [1] Four to 16 persons: ~~\$100~~125.
    - [2] More than 16 persons: ~~\$150~~200.
  - (f) Rooming/lodging home inspections:
    - [1] Up to 16 beds: ~~\$100~~125.
    - [2] More than 16 beds: ~~\$150~~200.
  - (g) Health care facility (nursing home/hospital), annual: ~~\$200~~250.
  - (h) Food truck / trailer inspection (permit to operate valid for 1 year):  
\$30.
  - ~~(h)~~-(i) Reinspection fee (each inspection):
    - [1] After first failed ~~final~~ inspection of permit: \$150.
- (4) Miscellaneous fees:
- (a) Environmental searches, property history searches (per address): \$75.
  - (b) Incident reports (per incident): ~~\$10~~20.
  - (c) Investigation report (per investigation): ~~\$25~~50.
  - (d) Photocopies (per page): \$1."

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

## **LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2022**

**ORDINANCE:**

**O-22-023**

**PURPOSE:**

**Updating Fire Prevention Fees**

**SPONSOR(S):**

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**COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENT:**

**Personnel/Administrative Affairs Committee**

**FISCAL NOTE:**

**Increased fees will result in additional general fund revenues.**

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### **ANALYSIS**

This legislation updates the Fire Prevention fees for permits and inspections as shown in the legislation.

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**Approved as to form:**

**Office of Corporation Counsel**

**By:** Dorothy Clark

**Date:** 27 June 2022